

IN HONOR OF COACH BOBBY L.  
WRIGHT

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, Jr.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2021*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor, commend and extend personal congratulations to my friend of long-standing and my brother in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Coach Bobby L. Wright. Coach Wright, the beloved and renowned former Head Coach and Athletic Director at Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama, recently retired after 44 years as a highly respected coach, mentor and consultant. A retirement celebration was held in his honor on Friday, July 2, 2021 at Green Island Country Club in Columbus, Georgia.

Bobby L. Wright graduated from Buena Vista High School in Marion County, Georgia in 1970 and from Fort Valley State College (now Fort Valley State University) in 1974. The following year, he began his stellar teaching and coaching careers at Carver High School in Columbus, Georgia serving as the Head Coach for track and Assistant Coach for football and basketball. In 1977, he was recruited and hired across the Chattahoochee River at Central High School in Phenix City, Alabama where he taught, coached, and chaired the Health and Physical Education Department. There, for 12 years he served as an Assistant Coach under the tutelage of famed Coach James Redd before taking over as the Head Coach.

During his impressive 32-year tenure as Head Coach for the Central High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, "The Red Devils" he amassed an incredible record of achievement: 4 State Championship game appearances; 8 semi-final appearances; 26 playoff appearances; and winning 8 region titles and 23 area titles. Coach Wright had a 671–221 won-loss record with his 600th win being against archrival Auburn High School in 2017. Concurrently, he served as the Defensive Coordinator for the Central High School football team for 26 years, including in 1993 when they won the Alabama State High School Football Championship title. In addition to that, Coach Wright served as the school's Athletic Director from 1998 until his retirement earlier this year.

Aristotle once said, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Coach Wright was an educator of both. He is rooted in the belief that children need tough love as well as encouragement. As such, he was known for his discipline-first approach when coaching basketball, football, and track. He used this firm coaching style to motivate the athletes under his direction to do their best and met them with laughter and support even if they missed the mark.

Coach Wright has received countless awards and commendations for his achievements and accomplishments as a coach and educator, including a resolution on January 21, 2021 approved by the Phenix City Alabama Board of Education honoring his long and exemplary service to the Phenix City School system. But none is more impressive than his 2014 induction into the Alabama High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Coach Wright has accomplished much in his life but none of it would have been possible

without the grace of God; the love and support of his wife of almost three decades, Carolyn; his family, students and the communities in Georgia and Alabama, to which he has given so much.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of the Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest appreciation, our heartfelt congratulations and our best wishes to Coach Bobby L. Wright upon the occasion of his retirement after an outstanding 44 years impacting the lives of the countless people he has touched.

**HONORING PAUL L. WILLIS**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Colonel Paul L. Willis from Edwards, Mississippi.

Colonel Willis graduated from Utica Junior College in 1977 and from Alcorn State University, in Lorman, Mississippi, in May 1979, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. In May 1989, Colonel Willis received his Master of Science Degree in Education from Chicago State University.

Colonel Willis was a Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC program at Alcorn, and in May 1979, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps. He attended numerous military schools during his career, culminating with the Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Colonel Willis retired from active duty on August 1, 2004 after serving over 25 years. He assumed his current position as Director of Army Instruction at Jackson Public Schools, on July 1, 2004. During his active duty career, Colonel Willis served in locations across the U.S. and overseas, including the 1st Persian Gulf War, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and he held a variety of command and staff positions. Most notably, he served as a commander of soldiers at every level in the Army from Platoon, Company, Battalion, Brigade and culminating as Commander, Eastern Region (ROTC), U.S. Army Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

As Director of Army Instruction at Jackson Public Schools, Colonel Willis provides leadership and oversight for the largest JROTC program in the State of Mississippi, which has an average enrollment exceeding 1,800 cadets. The units achieve an average high school graduation rate of 95 percent and nearly 100 percent of graduates are formally accepted to post high school institutions of higher learning, with annual scholarship offerings averaging \$3.5 million.

Colonel Willis has received numerous military awards including the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star Medal. He also received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal for his selection as U.S. Army Cadet Command Director of Army Instruction of the Year for 2013, the Mississippi Magnolia Cross, was inducted into the inaugural class of U.S. Army Cadet Command ROTC Hall of Fame in June 2016, and the 2019 Andrew

Jackson Council Boy Scouts of America Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award. In 2020, The Clarion Ledger Newspaper recognized him as a Community Hero and the U.S. Army Transportation Corps inducted him as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment.

Colonel Willis is married to the former Dorothea Torry of Utica, Mississippi, and they have two adult sons and six grandchildren. The Willis' currently reside in Utica, MS and they are the Owners/Operators of Gazebo Lake Ranch.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Colonel Paul L. Willis for his passion and dedication for success and desire to make a difference in the community.

**IN RECOGNITION OF BERYL  
GEDDES**

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Beryl Geddes of Blair County, Pennsylvania as she celebrates her 100th birthday. Mrs. Geddes is a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother.

Born on July 9, 1921 in Altoona, Pennsylvania, Beryl graduated from Tyrone High School in 1939 and married Chester Geddes the following year. Beryl traveled across the country with her husband during his time in the military and later returned home to Tyrone, Pennsylvania, where she worked.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Beryl Geddes on this very special birthday and wish her many more happy, healthy years to come.

**IN MEMORY OF LARRY LARISON**

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2021*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, my heart is heavy as I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Hoyt Humphreys "Larry" Larison, who passed away on December 11, 2020. My prayers are with Larry's family as we mourn his passing.

Born and raised in Montana, Larry was a lifelong member of the Pacific Northwest community who later planted his roots in Eastern Washington. This is how I got to know Larry as a leader and strong champion for education and entrepreneurship.

Larry committed his life to creating opportunities for the next generation of American leaders, serving on the Whitworth University School of Business Advisory Board in Spokane and sponsoring multiple annual scholarships for students across the region.

Larry was generous with not only his financial contributions but also his time and wisdom, playing an active role in various organizations throughout his life. He served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee Small Business Advisory Council under President Ronald Reagan, Director of Finance and Governance Committees for Spokane

Mobius Science Center, and Director of the Finance and Marketing Committee for the Spokane County Boys and Girls Clubs, to name a few.

Larry always felt indebted to have these opportunities in life and never took anything for granted. He had an amazing impact on the lives of so many in Eastern Washington, and I was grateful for his friendship and insights.

I will never forget his passion for being outdoors and enjoying God's beautiful creations in the Western United States. Above all, I will always remember how proud Larry was to be an American. He embodied the American spirit by seizing every opportunity and encouraging others to chase their dreams. He always gave time and encouragement to everyone he knew, and we are better for his impact on our lives.

Madam Speaker, Larry Larison lived an amazing life that deserves to be celebrated. In honor of Larry's legacy, passion, and contributions that inspired so many, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Larry Larison. May God grant him eternal peace in His kingdom.

ROBERT (BOB) COX

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert (Bob) E. Cox of Lakewood, Colorado who passed away on June 25, 2021.

Bob grew up in Denver and graduated from East High School. He experienced other parts of the country before returning to Denver, where he finished his career in 1999. He retired in Santa Fe, New Mexico where he rebuilt an adobe home on the Chama River. He briefly attended the University of Miami and then studied political science and journalism at CU Boulder. During his career, he worked as editor of the Colorado Daily, a correspondent and regional executive at United Press International, politics reporter at the San Diego Union, managing editor at the Colorado Business Magazine, politics writer at the Rocky Mountain News, editor at Weekly Newspaper in Glenwood Springs, and editor of the Green Mountain Gazette. He also served as press secretary for Tim Wirth's first U.S. House of Representatives campaign in 1974.

In 1991, he and his wife, Sid O'Connell, purchased the Jefferson County weeklies and formed a partnership with other Denver suburban newspapers. The weeklies covered the western suburbs of Denver including Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Arvada. The Coxes led their news and advertising teams to win many Colorado Press Association awards before selling the papers in 1999.

Bob kept a sharp eye on the doings of elected officials, which was apparent in his many editorial columns. He coached his reporters to take time to dig for information and filled his editorials with directness yet wit and humor. Former staffers noted Bob's continual efforts to make time for some fun in the high-intensity work of news reporting as well as the high-level of respect many inside and outside of the journalism community had for Bob. He enjoyed lively conversations and kept folks on their toes with questions.

In 2017, the dean of the College of Media, Communications and Journalism at CU Boulder, in an official ceremony, recognized Bob's life's accomplishments and retroactively awarded Bob a bachelor's degree in journalism, despite him being a couple of credits short in 1968.

Upon Bob's passing, his son, Kennedy Cox, said he felt he had lost his best friend. The father and son enjoyed engaging in musical endeavors—especially guitar—and traveling on the road to have semi-philosophical conversations and spend time together.

Bob is survived by his son; former wife, Sidnie O'Connell of Lakewood; sister Lynn Murphy of Seattle, Washington; niece Amie Servais of Sammamish, Washington; nephew Baxter Baldwin of Scottsdale, Arizona; and several great nieces and nephews. I am deeply grateful for his lifetime of service to our community.

HONORING WILLIAM J. CASTELLO

**HON. NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2021*

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor William J. Castello. Born in 1957, a diagnosis of chronic bronchitis left him spending much of his childhood indoors. One day he found a box of graphite lead sticks and began to faithfully reproduce the cover portraits of LOOK and LIFE magazine on typing paper, beginning his long love of art. Starting with his first public showing at the East Flatbush Public Library at the age of 9, he has been featured at Columbia University, the Newseum, and the Garibaldi-Meucci Museum in Staten Island. After marrying his childhood sweetheart, Maria Loccisano, he went on to work for the Associated Press as an artist. He is now an honorary associate of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a Fourth-degree Knight and Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and now, the Immediate Past President of the Fr. Capodanno Lodge of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. He and Maria have made their home in Staten Island since 1986 and have been an active part of the community since then.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL GARY M. HAUSMAN

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2021*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Gary M. Hausman on his departure from the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center.

Col. Hausman was commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1994 as a Military Intelligence Officer from the University of California, Irvine. He was initially assigned to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado and served as a MI Platoon Leader, Assistant Battalion Intelligence Officer, HQ Company EO, Battalion Intelligence Officer, and Company Commander.

Throughout his well-decorated military career, Col. Hausman demonstrated exceptional

leadership and dutifully upheld the seven core values of the U.S. Army. Because of these attributes, Col. Hausman was competitively selected for many prestigious assignments and postings, including Cryptologic Services Group Officer in Charge at the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Battalion Operations Office and Executive Officer for the 525th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade; Liaison Officer in support of the Special Operations Joint Task Force—Afghanistan; Liaison Officer for Joint Special Operations Command for the NSA in Fort Meade, Maryland; assuming command of the 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion, Buckley Air Force Base, Denver, CO; and as the Executive Officer to the Commanding General of Army Cyber Command and then the Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. Cyber Command.

During these assignments, Col. Hausman deployed several times to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, demonstrating bravery and a commitment to democracy in our global fight against terrorism.

In June of 2018, Col. Hausman was appointed as Commandant for the Defense Language Institute Language Center and Presidio of Monterey, California. During his tenure, he oversaw the finest foreign language instruction of approximately 2,500 soldiers, marines, sailors, and airmen, as well as select Department of Defense and State members. Col. Hausman's contributions to the Central Coast of California extend beyond the Defense Language Institute—he contributes to and supports our culture of service, learning, and community.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Gary M. Hausman is an outstanding Army officer and model citizen who has served with honor throughout his nearly three decades of service. I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring him today.

IN RECOGNITION OF WARREN COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 19, 2021*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Richlandville Volunteer Fire Department, and Warren County Emergency Management Office. These local responders provide extraordinary services to protect all who visit and call Warren County home.

First responders in Warren County have continued to serve our community honorably, even with the added threat of COVID-19. The Warren County Sheriff's Office, led by Sheriff Brett Hightower, plays an important role in keeping drugs out of the community, safeguarding local schools, and much more. The Richlandville Fire Department with Chief Brian Lee manages multiple fire stations to quickly respond to fires and other emergencies. The Warren County Emergency Management Office under the leadership of Director Ronnie Pearson helps with recovery, preparedness, and other emergency operations.

On May 31, 2021, first responders from these three emergency offices were called in to help find Jeff Halter. Sadly, he was taken